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1. The Ministry of Industry of the East German Republic (DDR) addressed a memorandum to the Ministry of Foreign Trade on 3 March 1950, in which the necessity for increasing imports of mercury was outlined. The report in question was signed by one Skippa and sent to Frau Staimer, head of the Foreign Trade Department. 50X1-F
2. It was suggested that trade negotiations be conducted [redacted] for the purchase of pure mercury, or mercury ore, [redacted] to the value of \$1.5 million. The Foreign Trade Ministry is requested to suggest suitable compensation terms. The agreement should cover one year with the provision to extend it for a second year, i.e. until 1951. 50X1-F
3. This memorandum was passed by Hans Joachim Schacht, acting head of the Foreign Trade Department, to Frankfurter, head of the Export Department, who initialled it with the remark that, if possible, fertilizer should be furnished in exchange. The memorandum now awaits the return of Georg Handke, the Minister, and Frau Staimer from Moscow.

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